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Government of Alberta commits \$17.5 million to WinSport day lodge renovation

CALGARY, Alta. – WinSport is pleased to announce the next step in the renovation and expansion of the day lodge at WinSport's Canada Olympic Park (COP), thanks to today's announced funding commitment of \$17.5 million from the Government of Alberta.

"We want to thank the Government of Alberta for its support of this project and in recognizing the importance of preserving the day lodge for future generations," says WinSport President and CEO Barry Heck. "The day lodge at COP has been a community hub for more than 35 years, including hundreds of thousands of community members, athletes, and guests who visit the park each year."

The day lodge, located at the bottom of the ski and snowboard hill at COP, was opened in 1987 and used as a media centre during the 1988 Winter Olympics. This project will revitalize and expand the day lodge, with a focus on improving accessibility and inclusivity, while reducing and optimizing the building's long-term environmental impact by transitioning the building to achieve net-zero emissions.

The expansion and renovation design includes improved access from the parking lot to the hill, and improved flow, inclusivity and accessibility of the various guest service facilities, public use spaces and sport services facilities, including the rental shop, food court, washroom facilities and outdoor decks.

"This support from the Government of Alberta will help ensure that WinSport can continue to support beginner to high-performance athletes and provide safe, accessible and inclusive sport opportunities for all ages and abilities," says Heck.

The project, which is expected to cost \$39-\$43 million, depending on the final design, could start as early as next spring or summer, with WinSport continuing to work on securing additional funding for the project. The Government of Canada recently committed \$17.4 million.

The day lodge, which has not undergone a major renovation since it was opened in 1987, houses guest services, retail, rentals, patrol, food and beverage outlets, WinSport offices, and a trampoline training room. It is also home to one of Canada's largest snow schools, along with several ski and snowboard clubs, including CADS Calgary, which is a member of the Canadian Adaptive Snowsports Association.

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About WinSport

WinSport inspires human potential through the spirit of sport. The Calgary Olympic Development Association, operating as WinSport, is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that owns and operates Canada Olympic Park and the Bill Warren Training Centre in Canmore. WinSport also administers legacy funds that support the Olympic Oval.

WinSport's mission has three pillars: to help people discover the joy and health benefits of sport; to encourage talented athletes to develop their skills; and to enable Canada's high-performance athletes to excel on the world stage. Financial commitments from Canadian governments and business have allowed WinSport to expand its sport and community offering over time; significant investment will be required in the coming years to renew the legacy facilities that have welcomed the world to the Calgary region for more than a generation.

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